

**City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Franklin, Indiana was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 70 E. Monroe Street, with Mayor Joseph E. McGuinness presiding. Council members Joseph Abban, Joseph Ault, Kenneth Austin, Stephen Barnett, Dr. William T. Murphy and Richard Wertz answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Janet P. Alexander, Records Clerk Kathy Cragen, City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present. Council member Stephen Hougland was absent.

Council Wertz offered an invocation. Mayor McGuinness opened the meeting and asked the Clerk-Treasurer to call the roll. Mayor McGuinness led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements & Presentations

Retirement Presentation for Sergeant Steven Hood - Police Chief O'Sullivan introduced Sgt. Steven Hood to the Council and presented him with his retirement badge and a statue to recognize his 20 years of service with the Franklin Police Department.

Consent Agenda

Mayor McGuinness presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the March 16, 2015 Common Council Minutes

Council President Barnett made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Old Business

Public Hearing

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 15-05 An Additional Appropriation for Police Grants/Police Fund in the amount of \$3,790.00 – Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud then opened the floor for a public hearing but no one asked to speak. Councilor Wertz made a motion to approve, seconded by Council President Barnett. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 15-06 An Additional Appropriation of the CCI Fund in the Amount of \$25,000.00 – Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud then stated that this matter is set for a public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak. No one asked to speak. A discussion was held. Council President Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote

was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Resolution No.: 15-07 A Declaratory Resolution Designating an Economic Revitalization Area for Electro-Spec, Inc. (EDC 2015-02) - For Signatures – Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud and stated that this resolution was approved at the March 16th meeting and is presented tonight for signatures.

Common Council Resolution No.: 15-08 A Resolution Confirming the Establishment of Economic Revitalization Area for Electro-Spec, Inc. – Community Development Director Linke stated that this resolution was forwarded by the Economic Development Commission (EDC) with a favorable recommendation. Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud then stated that this is a public hearing and asked if anyone present wished to speak. No one spoke up. Councilor Austin made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

New Business

Council President Barnett made a motion to read by title only, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Introductions

Common Council Resolution No.: 15-09 A Resolution Authorizing the Approval of Tax Abatement for Reuse of An Eligible Vacant Building (EDC 2015-02: Electro-Spec, Inc.) – Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud. Community Development Director Linke explained that this concerns a requested tax abatement for a vacant building. Ms. Linke said the proposal is for a three (3) year abatement contingent on occupancy of the building. A discussion was held. Councilor Austin made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with Councilor Abban, Councilor Austin, Councilor Murphy & Councilor Wertz stating aye, and Council President Barnett, and Councilor Ault stating nay. The motion carried 4-2.

Common Council Resolution No.: 15-11 A Resolution Granting Tax Abatement for Trueblood Oil Company, Inc. (EDC-2015-02) – Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud. Community Development Director Linke explained that this resolution was forwarded with a favorable recommendation by the EDC. A discussion was held. Council President Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 15-07 A Budgetary Ordinance Repealing & Replacing Budgetary Ordinance No.: 15-04 Fixing & Authorizing the Payment of Certain Salaries of Appointed Officers & Employees for the Year 2015 (Civil City) – Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud. Clerk-Treasurer Alexander explained this will allow her to pay the non-elected Redevelopment Commission (RDC) members according to the recently passed resolution. This ordinance is presented for introduction only tonight.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 15-08 An Additional Appropriation to Appropriate Money for the Payment of Quarterly Stipend for Redevelopment Commission Members – Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud. Clerk-Treasurer Alexander explained that this ordinance will appropriate the money needed to pay the stipend to the Redevelopment Commission members and is presented for introduction only tonight.

Other Business

There was no other business presented for discussion.

Council Comments

Councilor Wertz stated that the amended salary ordinance and the additional appropriation are needed to equalize the the Redevelopment Commission (RDC) with all other City of Franklin boards and commissions, as far as compensation.

Mayor McGuinness stated that when this meeting ends the Council will reconvene in a joint Council & Redevelopment Commission meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 04/16/15

Joseph McGuinness, Mayor

Attest:

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer